

FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

CLEMENT C. CLAY LIBERATED ON PAROLE.

The Muster-out of the Colored Troops.

THE ASSASSINATION AWARDS.

Characteristic Speech by President Johnson to the Soldiers and Sailors.

AMUSING EPISODES DURING THE DELIVERY.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Colorado Question and the Naval Contractors Case to Come Up To-day.

VOTE OF THANKS TO GENERAL HANCOCK.

The Habeas Corpus Bill in the Senate.

THE ARMY BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, April 18, 1866.

THE NAVAL CONTRACTORS.

The prospects of the unfortunate non-bid contractors for relief were again disappointed in the Senate to-day.

THE ARMY BILL.

Probably no measure of the session has excited such rapid criticism as the House Army bill.

THE ASSASSINATION AWARDS.

The Secretary of War sent to-day to the House of Representatives a bill for the compensation of the officers and men of the United States Army who were killed or disabled in the rebellion.

THE ARMY BILL.

It is difficult to make Congress believe this morning that the President had released C. C. Clay, but when the President announced his release, a dispatch from Fort Monroe announced his release, there seemed to be but one opinion as to the proceeding, inasmuch as Congress had his case at the time under special consideration, as was well known by the President.

THE ASSASSINATION AWARDS.

There is hardly any saying that the efforts now being made to reduce the price of the award to \$50,000, will prove abortive, all such trials being stopped by the peace proclamation, and the President and Mr. Seward being opposed in toto to such a proceeding.

VALLANDIGHAM-AM-STEVENS.

Vallandigham called on Thad. Stevens to-day, and in course of conversation stated that if the President did not immediately begin to appoint Democrats to office he could not retain the adherence of a single Democrat three weeks longer.

GOVERNMENT AUCTION.

At the Government auction sale to-day of hospital stores, all articles brought high prices, while sherry wine sold at 30 to 40c per quart, and whiskey 50c to 70c per quart bottle, and warranted pure.

THE CONSPIRACY AWARDS.

The conspiracy awards reported to the House to-day were very lively comment. Many of the parties in the award had sold their claims to sharpers and agents for a song, while others had obtained loans at ruinous interest on their contingent success. The excitement of the claim agency gang and of the recipients and their friends was very great.

A BOSTON TRANSACTION.

During the past year a smuggling transaction by the leading wine merchants of Boston was settled by the payment of \$125,000. It afterward became known that the firms paid \$157,000 to settle the affair, and the Government is making a large investigation to see who received the lubricating \$32,000.

JUDGE UNDERWOOD.

It is most furiously assailed by the reconstructed press and people of Virginia because he does not see fit to join in the movement for the release of Jeff. Davis. His action and decision in reference to the peace proclamation of the President receives the hearty indorsement of the Attorney-General.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The receipts from Internal Revenue to-day were \$38,865.

LANDS DISPOSED OF.

Recent returns received at the General Land Office from Booneville, Mo., show the extraordinary disposal, during the month of March, of 88,496 acres of the public domain at one branch office of that State.

THE COINTEGRATION FUND.

The Treasury Department was further increased to-day by the contribution of \$10 forwarded from Wilmington, Del., by an unknown party.

INTERVIEWS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Among the distinguished persons who had interviews with the President to-day were Senators Doolittle, Guthrie, Davis, Pomeroy, Gov. Crawford of Kansas, and the members of Congress from Kentucky.

TRAVEL ACROSS THE PLAINS.

Col. E. W. Wynkoop, Special Indian Agent stationed at Fort Laramie, Kansas, reports to the Commissioner of the Indian Bureau that mail traveling without an escort, across the Plains, is now attended with no danger; the Indians along the various routes being peaceably disposed.

THE TEST OATH.

The House Judiciary Committee will report in favor of continuing the test oath. It is stated that they fortify their position by numerous quotations from the President's speeches affirming that only loyal men should be permitted to take seats in Congress.

PERSONAL.

Senator Fossenden is improving slowly. He and Gen. Banks will be in their seats in a few days.

NEW-YORK FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

The Senate Committee on commerce will to-morrow take up the case of Mr. Smythe, Collector of New-York. Mr. Courtney was to-day confirmed as United States District-Attorney for the eastern District of New-York.

PERFORMANCES AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

The performance to-night at the White House was a disappointment.

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